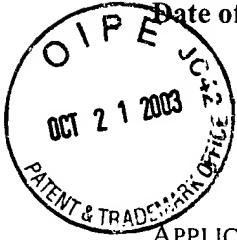


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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences the Examiner's May 21, 2003 Final Office Action in the above-identified application. A check in the amount of \$165.00 for filing this appeal is enclosed herewith.

A Response to the above Final Office Action along with a Petition for a two-month Extension of Time is filed herewith. Thus, this Notice of Appeal is due on or before October 21, 2003. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 15966-750 (Cura-250). A duplicate copy of this Notice is enclosed.

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